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LESBIAN AND GAY FREEDOM DAY

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Barbara Cameron / Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day
 IT IS VERY DANGEROUS WHEN A LESBIAN OR
 GAY MAN CONSPIRES WITH HETEROSEXUALS June 1983
 IN INDICTING THE LEADERS OF THE LESBIAN/GAY
 COMMUNITY. IT IS DANGEROUS WHEN A
 LESBIAN OR GAY MAN PUBLICLY IMPLIES
 THAT VARIOUS - RESPECTED MEMBERS OF
 OUR LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY ARE MURDERERS
 OR AS I QUOTE FROM ~~AND~~ JULY AIDS
 ISSUE OF CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE "In
 my mind they're criminally negligent."
 It is dangerous when one of the few
 respected Black lesbian leaders in the
 city of San Francisco and in the Bay
 Area is publicly maligned in a
 heterosexual and perhaps even homophobic
 arena by her lesbian sister.

It is very dangerous when we allow these few individuals ^{to} believe they are the spokespersons and leaders of the lesbian/gay community.

It is sickening that in a time of uncertainty, in a time of health crisis in our community, that ~~but~~ we have these individuals who are not AIDS patients but indeed have become AIDS victims. THESE INDIVIDUALS BECOME MINISTERS OF DOOM IN OUR COMMUNITY PERPETUATING LIES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY, INVOKING STEREOTYPES AND MYTHS OF THE GAY LIFESTYLE TO SUPPORT THEIR VIEWPOINTS. AND THEY ~~ARE~~ THESE FEW INDIVIDUALS ARE CONDEMNING OUR COMMUNITY.

For starters, I always have a sneaking suspicion of the faggots' privilege. I too have been less proudly, I have to confess a sneaking

THESE PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE US
GO BACK INTO THE CLOSETS. ~~ANITA BRYANT~~

WE DONT NEED ANITA BRYANT BECDUSE
WE HAVE ~~ON~~ OUR OWN ANITA BRYANTS
MASQUERADING AS LESBIANS AND GAY MEN.

WE MUST WATCH WITH A CRITICAL EYE
THOSE LESBIANS AND GAY MEN WHO WOULD
CALL THEIR SISTERS AND BROTHERS MURDERERS,
AND WE MUST ASK THESE LESBIANS AND
GAY MEN WHO DOES IT BENEFIT
TO CONDEMN THE LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY.
WHOSE INTEREST DO THEY SERVE.

AND I MUST SAY THIS, A SMALL ELITIST
BAND OF WHITE LESBIANS AND GAY MEN
~~UNDER THE GUIS~~ IN LEADERSHIP UNDER THE
GUISE OF A GAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB DO
NOT SPEAK FOR, YOU DO NOT



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SPEAK FOR ME. AND ^{you} ESPECIALLY DO NOT
SPEAK FOR ME WITH ~~THE~~ VICIOUS
LIES ABOUT THE COMMUNITY I LOVE.

~~BEFORE THE MEETING IS TO BEGIN, WE~~
~~MUST CLEAN UP.~~

THIS IS A TIME THAT IS CALLED A
CRISIS BUT IT IS A TIME FOR US TO BE
STRONGER, TO BE STRONGER, TO
BRING OUT OUR COURAGE, OUR WILL
TO SURVIVE. THIS IS TIME FOR
US AS A COMMUNITY OF LESBIANS AND GAY
MEN TO RALLY BEHIND THE VOICES
OF REASON, NOT THE VOICES OF TREASON.

THERE WILL NOT BE A CONSPIRACY OF
SILENCE BY OUR COMMUNITY TO ALLOW
A FEW ~~INDIVIDUALS~~ ANYONE TO ^{CONDEMN} ~~US~~ ^{US.}

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN, DO NOT
EVER, EVER AGAIN BELIEVE THAT
YOU ARE SICK, DISEASED,
PERVERTED, UGLY, CRIMINALLY
NEGLIGENT, MURDERERS.

OUR COMMUNITY WILL WITHSTAND
THESE ATTACKS BY THE HOMOPHOBES.

WE ARE STRONG, WE ARE STRONG

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